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MONDAY, APRIL 23RD, 1855.

LIEUT.-COL. LARCOM, F. R. S., VICE-PRESIDENT,
in the Chair.

REV. DR. TODD presented a rubbing of the ancient inscription on the base of the cross which stands in the principal street of the village of Cong. This inscription does not appear to have been ever published, nor do the names it contains occur in the Irish Annals. It is written in the black letter text of the fourteenth century, and not in Irish characters, although it is in the Irish language. It is very much effaced, and by no means easy to read, but Dr. Todd, with the assistance of Dr. Petrie, who had copied it many years ago, has succeeded in deciphering it as follows :—

Or' do nichol ag' do gille bert o dubthaich ra bin abaiddeact Cunga.

Which he reads thus :

OROIT DO NICHOL AGUS DO GILLEBERT O DUBTHAICH RA
BIN ABайдHEACT CUNGA.

“A prayer for Nichol and for Gillebert O'Dubhthaigh [O'Duffy],
who were Abbots of Cong.”

Dr. Wilde gave it as his opinion, that the base or steps on which the cross stands were of an earlier date than the present shaft of the cross ; and he mentioned a report current in the town, that many years ago the ancient cross was carried away by some soldiers and thrown over the bridge into the river. It is said by some that it was recovered and replaced, but others think that this was not so, and that the present shaft belongs to a cross that formerly stood in the old abbey burial-ground.

Dr. Todd presented an accurate drawing of a chalice made some time ago by Mr. M'Carthy ; and stated that when